


MCRC FROST CALL 003-02 DATED 16 OCTOBER 2001

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: MUSICIAN ENLISTMENT OPTION PROGRAM (MEOP) "U4"
APPLICANTS REQUIRED SHIP DATES

1. Purpose. To notify all levels within the Marine Corps Recruiting Command the required ship dates for the "U4" MEOP applicants.
2. Background. The Marine Corps Drum & Bugle Corps' (D&B) training is conducted on-the-job. Due to the nature of the D&B's schedule, this training must be conducted at certain times during the fiscal year. Although shipping of MEOP "U4" applicants usually occurs within the parameters of these training times, further definition is provided.
3. Information. The unique mission of the D&B requires on-the-job training to be conducted at two specific times annually. New members that do not arrive during these two times are placed in a holding status until they can be trained.
4. Action
 - a. Effective immediately, all "U4" MEOP applicants will be shipped only during the months of January or June in order to comply with the training dates of the D&B.
 - b. Exceptions to this policy may be granted on an individual basis through the MCRC MTA or the D&B MTA.
 - c. **This policy change is not applicable to the "U2" (U.S. Marine Field Bands) or the "U1" ("President's Own" Marine Band).**
 - d. Ensure this information receives widest dissemination to MEPS Liaison, NCOICs, and recruiters.
5. Point of contact is SSgt Worster or SSgt Rangel at (703)784-9403 or DSN 278-9403.


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